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- 1. At an internal meeting of the SED between 15 and 20 November 1946 Otto Grotewohl expressed the following ideas in reference to the publication of the SED constitution draft:
- "We are fully aware that the constitution draft of the SED is 2. dynamite -- a challenge to German as well as English and American bourgeoisie. We no longer need to be considerate. The results of the election in Berlin have demonstrated that here we have not yet succeeded in lifting the workers' class consciousness out of the confusion of the Nazi period. We must try anew to develop the class consciousness of the workers and to separate them definitively from the bourgeoisie. The constitution draft will serve this purpose.
- "The bourgeoisie is today ready to sell and destroy Germany; that is a fact. We must, therefore, direct the fight in such a way that the working class emerges as the most advanced [fortschrittlichste] element of the German people and the true representative of their national interests. Here we can take the proletarian masses--in factories, etc.-- from the SPD. Progress is possible only if we concentrate on that part of the German people which is able to think clearly.
- "The document proves that we have no totalitarian goals. In this respect, it destroys the whole campaign that has been made against us in the past. We are today in a period of patient education of the class consciousness of the working class. Naturally the bourgeoisie will fight against this constitution, for, if such a constitution becomes a fact, it would become impossible for them ever again to create a dictatorship. Up to the present in German history the bourgeoisic has always found a way to use the

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